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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging, Inc. project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging, Inc located at 330 Southwest Cutoff, Suite 203, Worcester, MA 01604. The funding would add 87 inpatient beds to improve access to highly specialized care for local patients with critical health needs. Low inpatient bed capacity in Central Massachusetts is a serious healthcare access challenge. In addition to addressing a serious public health challenge, this project will increase local jobs. The Medical Center anticipates hiring approximately 500 additional FTEs to permanently staff these beds and expects the project will support approximately 160 FTEs during the two-year buildout.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern

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